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C O N F I D E N T I A L BAGHDAD 0513

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR UR IZ

SUBJECT: IRAQI MEDIA VIRTUALLY IGNORES BREZHNEV STATEMENTS

ON MIDDLE EAST

1. WITH SOLE EXCEPTION OF TARIQ AL-SHAAB, OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF IRAQ, IRAQI MEDIA IS VIRTUALLY IGNORING MIDDLE EAST PORTION OF BREZHNEV SPEECH TO TRADE UNION CONFERENCE. TARIQ AL-SHAAB OF MARCH 23 FEATURED SPEECH ON FRONT PAGE BOX. WHILE IT EMPHASIZED BREZHNEV SUPPORT FOR PALESTINIAN RIGHTS, IT COVERED OTHER PORTIONS OF ME STATEMENT AS WELL. GOVERNMENT MOUTHPIECE AL-JUMHURIYYA BURIED BRIEF MENTION OF BREZHNEV REMARKS ON ME ON PAGE SEVEN AT END OF ARTICLE WHICH DESCRIBED OTHER PORTIONS OF HIS SPEECH. FOR BAATH PARTY DAILY AL-THAWRA, THE SPEECH DID NOT EXIST.

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2. COMMENT: APPARENT DECISION TO TURN BLIND EYE TO BREZHNEV STATEMENTS, WHICH ARE SHARPLY AT ODDS WITH IRAQI POLICY, CONTRASTS WITH NEAR DAILY CRITICISM OF USG STATEMENTS ON ARAB-ISRAELI ISSUE. AT LEAST FOR NOW, BAGHDAD REGIME SEEMS WILLING TO RECEIVE IN STONY SILENCE PUBLIC CONFIRMATION THAT SOVIET LEADERS ARE UNSWAYED BY IRAQI OPPOSITION TO SETTLEMENT EFFORTS. MEANWHILE,

THE PACE OF PRACTICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND IRAQ APPEARS TO BE CONTINUING. MOST RECENT OF A SERIES OF HIGH-LEVEL SOVIET VISITORS WAS THE SOVIET MINISTER OF MACHINE BUILDING, WHOSE VISIT WAS CONCLUDED BY THE SIGNING OF TWO UNSPECIFIED AGREEMENTS FOR TECHNICAL AND INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION.  
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